

The Blackfeet Indian Reservation is located adjacent to Glacier National Park and is some 1.5 million acres in size. There are 17,000 enrolled tribal members, about half of whom live on the reservation.

This water settlement also upholds agreements by the State that will strengthen irrigation for neighboring farmlands. We call that Montana's Golden Triangle. It is where my great-great-grandmother homesteaded because of its wheat production.

I commend the Blackfeet Tribe and Chairman Harry Barnes, who have been diligent and patient in seeing this settlement forward. I commend our State for its commitment to the Blackfeet Tribe and Indian Country in Montana and my colleague Senator TESTER for working with me on this bill. I am proud to get this through the Senate and will continue to fight for its enactment.

#### OBAMACARE

Mr. DAINES. ObamaCare—it is still a train wreck of broken promises. President Obama promised that the cost of premiums would go down by \$2,500 per family. But just yesterday, Montana's insurance commissioner announced an average premium increase of 58 percent for Montana's largest provider on the exchange. And not only have premiums not gone down, the coverage that people get from it is unaffordable and unusable.

With some deductibles at or above \$9,000 per family, middle-class families are being priced out of the market, all the while paying for a policy they simply can't use. Now plans are also restricting provider networks and eliminating doctors from their plans, all in an attempt to remain solvent under ObamaCare's requirements.

In Montana, we like to fish. Sometimes when the fishing line gets really tangled up, the only thing you can do is cut the line. It is time to cut the line with ObamaCare. It is time to clear this train wreck from the tracks and get our health care moving forward again.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

#### HONORING TIM BRACKEEN

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the memory of Tim Brackeen, a K-9 police officer with the Shelby Police Department in North Carolina. Officer Brackeen was tragically killed after succumbing to gunshot wounds he sustained in the line of duty just last week.

On September 10, 2016, Officer Brackeen was doing what he did every day—going to work, trying to put his life in the way of others to keep them safe. He said good-bye to his wife and his family, and he went to work.

Unfortunately, on that day, in the middle of the night, Officer Brackeen

responded to a call to bring a wanted robbery suspect into custody. Officer Brackeen attempted to arrest the suspect. The suspect resisted and opened fire, critically wounding Officer Brackeen.

The people of North Carolina and citizens from across the Nation prayed for Officer Brackeen and his family as he received treatment. Unfortunately, on Monday, we heard the tragic news that Officer Brackeen, only 38 years old, had passed away.

When we lost Officer Brackeen, we lost more than a dedicated K-9 officer who had served the Shelby Police Department for 13 years. Above all else, we lost a devoted husband to his wife Mikel and a loving father to his 4-year-old daughter. He was well known as a loving family man and was deeply respected and admired for the dedication he had to the department and the community which he served. Many had the chance to meet Officer Brackeen during a class or seminar he held with his K-9 partner called Ciko. He was honored as Shelby police officer of the year in 2012.

For anyone in this country who has ever had a trace of doubt over the true character and motivation of the vast majority of brave men and women in law enforcement, Officer Tim Brackeen was exactly the kind of officer who would instantly erase any of those doubts when you met him.

As Officer Brackeen's family, friends, and colleagues mourn this tragic loss, I hope they find comfort in knowing that his death was not in vain. The outpouring of love that we have seen in his honor has been tremendous.

On the night of Officer Brackeen's death, hundreds of people came together in Shelby to hold a vigil outside the police department. Attendees adorned his patrol car with flowers and candles. Shelby police officers all received a standing ovation, and the crowd came together to sing "Amazing Grace." That symbolizes the profound impact that Tim Brackeen had on people's lives and how grateful they are for his selfless service to the community of Shelby.

May God bless Officer Tim Brackeen's family and friends and give them strength in these difficult times. Let them know that the community of Shelby, the people of North Carolina, and Americans from across the Nation will continue to pray for them and stand with them during this difficult time.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Indiana.

#### REMEMBERING DR. JOHN BRADEMAS

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor one of Indiana's best, Dr. John Brademas, who passed away on July 11.

John Brademas was an extraordinary public servant and a trailblazing lead-

er. His achievements made a mark on Indiana and on our country that can still be felt today.

John was born a Hoosier in 1927 in Mishawaka, IN, to a Greek immigrant who ran a restaurant and to an Indiana native who worked as a schoolteacher. John Brademas was a star quarterback, and he was the valedictorian at South Bend Central High School.

After high school, he served in the U.S. Navy and in the naval officers' training program at the University of Mississippi. He graduated from Harvard University, and he received a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University in England, where he earned his doctorate.

In 1958, Dr. Brademas was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives to the then-Third District of Indiana, where he served with incredible distinction for 22 years, until 1981. In Congress he was always working, always pushing to make life better for Hoosiers and for all Americans.

His colleague, Representative Frank Thompson said:

He never stops. He's incredibly bright, works terribly hard, and is able to translate that brightness into very pragmatic legislative ability.

Dr. Brademas was a leading and effective legislator on issues involving schools, colleges, and universities, services for the elderly and the disabled, and for libraries, museums, the arts, and humanities. It earned him the recognition as "Mr. Arts" and "Mr. Education." He helped lead the successful charge to establish the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. He served as a member of the Committee on Education and Labor, writing Federal legislation on schools at every level.

He was instrumental in passing landmark legislation, including the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. This sought to increase opportunities for economically disadvantaged children and provided unprecedented Federal support for education. Dr. Brademas was the author in 1975 of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, which for the first time provided Federal support and guaranteed nationwide educational opportunities for students with mental and physical disabilities.

Additionally, Dr. Brademas was pivotal in efforts to improve higher education and boost grants and aid for student loans. John is also remembered for his support to advance civil rights and social justice.

During his last 4 years in Congress, Dr. Brademas served as House majority whip. Following his congressional service, Dr. Brademas served as the president of New York University, or NYU, one of the largest private institutions in the country, until 1992. During his tenure, he led NYU's transformation from a local commuter school into a national and world-renowned research university.